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BULLETIN NO. 56-4

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TO THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ESTABLISHMENTS

SUBJECT: Study of reports of the Commission on Intergovernmental Relations

In its recent report, the Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, established by Public Law 109, 83rd Congress, has presented recommendations on a wide variety of problems in Federal-State-local relations and the Federal programs which relate to this area. In addition, 15 supplementary reports review in some detail specific subjects within the range of the Commission's assignment.

As part of the study of this report in the executive branch, each agency is requested to submit to the Bureau of the Budget no later than September 30, 1955, the views of the agency concerning recommendations of interest to it (in 5 copies). In addition, each agency should review those supplementary reports which relate to subjects of interest to it and should include in its statement any comments on these reports. The agency statement should identify the supplementary reports which were reviewed and those which were determined to be outside the agency's field of interest.

Each agency statement should indicate (1) how the recommendations contained in the Commission's report and supplementary reports would affect programs and operations of the agency; (2) the views of the agency concerning recommendations presented in the Commission's report and supplementary reports; and (3) suggested methods of putting recommendations into effect, including the relationship of the recommendation to the agency's legislative program. Specific references should be given to the particular recommendation on which comment is made.

In replying to congressional requests for views and comments on the report of the Commission, the clearance procedures prescribed in Budget Circular A-19 (Revised), dated June 14, 1954, should be followed.

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